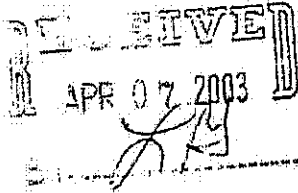


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PUBLIC UPDATE

To: Interested Parties

Re: Update for the Shore Marine Terminal Martinez EIR for lease renewal

In September 1998, the CSLC approved assignment of this lease from the Wickland Oil Company (Wickland) to Shore Terminals LLC. The initial term of the CSLC lease with Wickland was for 25-years, with two 10-year renewal options. In October 1998, Shore applied to the CSLC to exercise the first 10-year option, with no change in current operations. CSLC staff prepared a Project Description / Initial Study in April 2000, and released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) in March 2001. Two Scoping Meetings were conducted in the City of Martinez in April 2001.

This mailing is intended to provide you with an update on the project.

- In June 2002, the CSLC selected Chambers Group to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project.
- In consideration of the cost and time necessary to produce an EIR, the applicant has requested that the term be extended to include the second 10-year lease renewal period. Operating conditions are anticipated to be nearly the same as those described during the first ten year period. Hence, the EIR will assess the potential environmental effects of the continued operation of Shore's Martinez Terminal over the next 20, rather than ten years, and provide the CSLC, permitting and other governmental agencies, and the public with information regarding such environmental effects and appropriate measures to mitigate them.
- We anticipate release of a draft EIR for public review in the late spring of 2003.

Thank you for your continued interest in this project. Please contact me at (916) 574-2274, if you have questions or would like further information.

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